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Logging Operations Active on the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District

(Steamboat Springs, COL., September 3, 2013) – Multiple logging operations are, or will soon be, underway in parts of the Hahns Peak-Bears Ears (HPBE) Ranger District of the Routt National Forest. As a result, Forest visitors are reminded to be aware of increased truck traffic and heavy equipment activity, as well as potential road and trail closures.

Whale Tail Timber Sale – Logging operations will be occurring through the fall on and around Forest Roads 415.1, 415.1A, and 415.1B near the Colorado/ Wyoming border off of Forest Road 550. Log hauling will occur on these roads that are typically closed to motorized travel. Portions of Forest Trail 1197 will also be closed for a short period of time in mid-September as harvest work progresses.

Dumont Lake Area Hazard Tree Removal – Forest Road 311 will remain closed until September 14 for roadside hazard tree removal work near Dumont Lake on Rabbit Ears Pass. Access to the Continental Divide Trail (Forest Trail 1101) and the popular Rabbit Ears area is still accessible via hiking trails that by-pass harvest operations.

Larson II Timber Sale – Forest visitors traveling west of Steamboat Lake should expect to encounter logging and hauling operations on and around Forest Road 42 through the fall. This and other roads that are typically open will remain open; therefore travelers are reminded to remain aware of their surroundings at all times. Travelers should also beware of increased truck traffic on County Road 62 and Hwy 129.

Ski Area Helicopter Logging - Helicopter logging operations are expected to commence on the Steamboat Ski Area as early as September 3 and may last several weeks. A temporary closure in the Burgess Creek area will be in effect to ensure public safety.

The Forest Service regrets any inconvenience that closures may cause the public; however, these treatments are needed to ensure long-term public safety and forest health.

Visitors to these parts of the Routt National Forest are encouraged to check the status of work areas by calling 970-870-2299 or stopping by the HPBE Ranger District office at 925 Weiss Drive in Steamboat Springs between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Information may also be found on this website, <http://fs.usda.gov/mbr>, or you can follow the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland on Twitter, @MBRNFsTBNG.

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